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SUBJECT: NORDIC FONMIN'S MEETING: COMMUNIQUE

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1. NORDIC FONMINS CONCLUDED ONE-DAY OFFICIAL PORTION OF
BIANNUAL MEETING EVENING OF MARCH 23 WITH RELEASE OF
COMMUNIQUE. (SOME OF MINISTERS WERE SCHEDULED TO GO TO
WESTMAN ISLANDS TODAY AS WRAP-UP TO ICELAND VISIT.)
HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMUNIQUE, WITH SUBJECT SEQUENCE SAME AS
IN ORIGINAL, FOLLOW.

2. -- HUMAN RIGHTS. REXEGGED TO TRADITIONAL NORDIC
SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEPLORED LACK OF OBSERVANCE
OF SUCH RIGHTS TODAY. PLEDGED TO WORK FOR ENHANCEMENT
OF RIGHTS AND STRENGTHENING OF UN CAPABILITIES TO DEAL
EFFECTIVELY WITH THIS ISSUE. (AT MARCH 23 PRESS CON-
FERENCE MINISTERS REPORTEDLY STRESSED THAT THEY DE-
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PLORED VIOLATIONS WHEREEVER THEY EXISTED AND SINGLED OUT
NO PARTICULAR COUNTRY FOR CRITICISM.)

--NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEMS. STRESSED NEED FOR REMOVAL
OF "PROFOUND INEQUALITIES" BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NAT-
IONS; EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH SETTING OF TIME-
TABLE FOR CONCLUSION OF PARIS CONFERENCE ON INTER-

NATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION; PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR NUMBER OF PROPOSALS AIMED AT EASING NORTH-SOUTH STRAINS INCLUDING DEBT RELIEF FOR POOREST OF LDC'S, IMPROVED SYSTEM ON STABILIZATION OF COMMODITY EARNINGS AND INCREASED TRANSFER OF RESOURCES FROM RICH TO POOR COUNTRIES.

--EAST-WEST RELATIONS. EXPRESSED HOPE THAT POLICY OF DETENTE WOULD BE STRENGTHENED. UNDERScoreD IM-PORTANCE OF FURTHER STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS AND OF GENUINE DISARMAMENT. EXPRESSED HOPE FOR SUCCESS OF MBFR AND STRESSED NEED FOR TOTAL BAN ON NUCLEAR ARMS TESTS. APPLAUDED DECISION TO CONVENE SPECIAL UNGA SESSION ON DISARMAMENT IN 1978.

-- CSCE. NOTED THAT IMVLEMENTATION OF CSCE FINAL ACT IS "OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE FOR FURTHER DETENTE." DREW ATTENTION TO FACT THAT PARTICIPATING STATES WERE COMMITTED "TO IMPLEMENTING THE FINAL ACT IN ITS ENTIRETY." URGED THAT BELGRADE MEETING TAKE PLACE IN CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT. STRESSED THAT BROAD AGREEMENT EXISTS THAT FINAL ACT SHOULD NOT BE ALTERED AT BEL-GRADE AND THAT AIM SHOULD BE TO REVIEW COMPLIANCE AND CONSIDER FURTHER STEPS TO ATTAIN COMPLIANCE.

-- MIDDLE EAST. SAW PROSPECTS FOR BRINGING DISPU-TANTS TO MEGOTIATING TABLE WHICH SHOULD BE EXPLOITED AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR SOLUTION BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242
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AND 338.

-- SOUTHERN AFRICA. AGREED TO BASE THEIR RESPECTIVE POLICIES ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) "PARTIES TO THE ZIMBABWE CONFLICT MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE". PLEDGED FULL SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO REACH PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT THAT SUBSTITUTED MAJORITY RULE FOR "ILLEGAL MINORITY REGIME."

(B) SOUTH AFRICA'S CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA IS ILLEGAL. FREE ELECTIONS SHOULD BE HELD UNDER UN AUSPICES. PARTICIPATION OF SWAPO IN INDEPENDENCE TALKS IS OF "DECISIVE IMPORTANCE" IN PEACEFUL TRANS-ITION TO MAJORITY RULE.

(C) SOUTH AFRICA'S "BRUTAL REPRESSION" OF MAJORITY OF ITS PEOPLE WAS CONDEMNED. APPEAL MADE FOR SOLID-ARITY AGAINST APARTHEID. UN SECURITY COUNCIL DE-CISION ON MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE WELCOME. SECURITY COUNCIL DECISIONS AIMED AT PREVENTING NEW FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN SOUTH

AFRICA WOULD BE FIRST STEP TOWARDS APPLYING ECONOMIC
SANCTIONS AGAINST THAT COUNTRY.

-- LOS. EXPRESSED HOPE FOR AGREEMENT ON SEABEDS
AT UPCOMING LOS SESSION WHICH SHOULD LEAD TO EARLY
AND SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF COMPREHENSIVE LOS CON-
VENTION.

-- DRUGS. DISCUSSED "SERIOUS PROBLEMS" WHICH IL-
LEGAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC IS CAUSING IN NORDIC COUNTRIES.
EXPRESSED INTENTION OF WORKING ACTIVELY FOR INITIATIVES
IN THIS FIELD THROUGH UNITED NATIONS. (THIS WAS FIRST
TIME ON AGENDA FOR THIS TOPIC ACCORDING TO ICELANDIC
FONMIN AGUSTSSON.)

3. MINISTERS ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR NORWAY'S
CANDIDACY FOR 1979-80 UN SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT AND
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AGREED THAT THIER NEXT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN
HELSINKI SEPTEMBER 1-2, 1977.

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